

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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Substitute language for proposal 244:

5 AAC 69.110(b)(10) and (11) are repealed:

(10) repealed / 2017 [BLUE AND RED KING CRAB: THE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT IS SIX MALE CRAB; THE SIZE LIMIT FOR BLUE KING CRAB IS 5.5 INCHES MINIMUM CARAPACE WIDTH; THE SIZE LIMIT FOR RED KING CRAB IS 4.75 INCHES MINIMUM CARAPACE WIDTH];

(11) repealed / 2017 [TANNER CRAB: THE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT FOR C. BARIDI AND C. OPILIO TANNER CRAB, IN COMBINATION, IS 12 MALE CRAB; THE SIZE LIMIT FOR C. BAIRDI TANNER CRAB IS 5.5 INCHES MINIMUM CARAPACE WIDTH; THE SIZE LIMIT FOR C. OPILIO TANNER CRAB IS 3.1 INCHES MINIMUM CARAPACE WIDTH];

5 AAC 69.135 is repealed:

5 AAC 69.135. Methods, means, and general provisions – Shellfish. repealed

2017 [(a) UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS CHAPTER OR BY AN EMERGENCY ORDER ISSUED UNDER AS 16.05.060, THE PROVISIONS IN THIS SECTION APPLY TO SHELLFISH SPORT FISHING IN THE NORTH SLOPE AREA.

(b) THE OPERATOR OF A COMMERCIALY LICENSED AND REGISTERED SHRIMP FISHING VESSEL WHO IS USING THE VESSEL IN THE SPORT-FISH TAKING OF SHRIMP DURING A CLOSED COMMERCIAL SHRIMP SEASON OR WITHIN A CLOSED COMMERCIAL SHRIMP DISTRICT OR SECTION MAY NOT POSSESS MORE THAN 500 POUNDS OF SHRIMP ON BOARD THE VESSEL.

(c) ONLY MALE CRAB MAY BE TAKEN.

(d) UNTIL A CRAB IS BEING PROCESSED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, NO PERSON MAY MUTILATE OR OTHERWISE DISFIGURE THE CRAB IN A MANNER THAT WOULD PREVENT THE DETERMINATION OF THE MINIMUM SIZE RESTRICTION.

(e) A PERSON MAY NOT TAKE OR POSSESS SHELLFISH THAT IS SMALLER THAN THE APPLICABLE MINIMUM LEGAL SIZE LIMIT SET OUT IN 5 AAC 69.110.

(f) THE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS FOR SPORT-HARVESTED SHELLFISH ARE NOT IN ADDITION TO THOSE ALLOWED UNDER SUBSISTENCE OR PERSONAL USE FISHING REGULATIONS].

5 AAC 71.035(b) is repealed:

(b) **repealed** / **2017** [THE OPERATOR OF A COMMERCIALY LICENSED AND REGISTERED SHRIMP FISHING VESSEL WHO IS USING THE VESSEL IN THE SPORT-FISH TAKING OF SHRIMP DURING A CLOSED COMMERCIAL SHRIMP SEASON OR WITHIN A CLOSED COMMERCIAL SHRIMP DISTRICT OR SECTION MAY NOT POSSESS MORE THAN 500 POUNDS OF SHRIMP ON BOARD THE VESSEL].

5 AAC 73.010(b)(10) is amended to read:

(10) finfish **and shellfish** species that are not specified in this section: there are no bag, possession, or size limits;

5 AAC 73.010(b)(11) is repealed:

(11) **repealed** / **2017** [SHELLFISH; MAY NOT BE TAKEN OR POSSESSED].